# Green Thumb Summary / Recommendation

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# Summary

# The book I read was *Green Thumb* by Rob Thomas. The book was about a thirteen year old kid named Grady Jacobs. He had just "graduated" from middle school and moving into high school. Grady is the smartest person in his grade and is a genius. He had won the past two National Science Fairs and was going for his three-peat in the fall.

# Grady had gotten an email from Dr. Carter, a very well-known scientist and botanist. Carter wanted him to go to the Amazon Forest in Brazil to help him with research and other scientific things.

# When Grady gets to the research camp and meets all of the other botanists, they are all dissatisfied because they thought they were going to get a college man instead of one that had just gotten out of junior high school. Dr. Carter was the one that was the least pleased. Everyone that was in the special botanist group didn't think Grady was smart enough or qualified to do the jobs that were set up for him. Grady was forced to make food while others did research.

# Grady sneaks into one of the labs to listen to recordings of the forests and in all of Carter's tapes, he notices long, quiet periods instead of hearing animal noises and wind. He keeps investigating to find out what's wrong.

# Recommendation

I think the book that I read, *Green Thumb* by Rob Thomas, was a part mystery because Grady kept seeing different Indians when he would be working and he never knew who they belonged to.

I liked this book because it was full of adventure and surprises through most of the book. I learned many new things while reading it. I did not like this book because I thought it was boring. The book mostly talked about researching about all the different super trees, taking measurements, and taking data. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes action / adventure type of books.

I thought the book really started to pick up when Grady was rescued from the Indians and they started to plan out how they were going to take down Dr. Carter. Grady was considered one of the Hunters when he was with the Indians because he had the skills of a hunter and he was good with a bow and arrow.

When Grady went back home, his bullies were waiting for him. But since Grady was in the middle of the Amazon Forest for the whole summer working on the project and being with the Indians, he had gotten more lean, balanced, and muscular. Instead of his bully's beating him up, Grady beat up his own bully's.

If the middle parts of the book weren’t so boring, I probably would've liked this book more. I wish the whole book was back at home, because I thought it was more interesting with all of his bully's, classmates, and his own greenhouse in his own backyard.

Overall, I thought this was an interesting book and I'm glad I had picked it to read. This book was not one of my favorites, but it was still a very good novel to read.